

CIA Is Target Of Book on Government

THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT. By David Wise and Thomas B. Ross. Random House. 361 pages. \$5.95.

Not labeled as such, this book will suffice until an expose comes along and demonstrates anew what vast amounts of information the trained American reporter can find in areas considered secret.

Although the two authors have marked out all the American intelligence agencies as their meat, the main carving is done on the Central Intelligence Agency. The FBI, NSA and others are treated in the most superficial manner but Messrs. Wise and Ross used a journalistic vacuum cleaner on the CIA.

It may well be that they dredged up every last word that has ever been printed about that agency, which has been a punching bag of sorts ever since the botched Bay of Pigs invasion. The question is: How much of the information in "The Invisible Government" is fact and how much is not? We are not to know from the CIA, which rarely comments on itself.

Undeniably, the two reporters have done a thorough research job on the intelligence agency and it seems impossible to believe that they did not have additional help from one or more present or former employees of the CIA. If previous books about the CIA have been sketchy, this one is not.

It is full of names, dates and incidents that may well have caused considerable pain in the agency, as well as wholesale changes in "cover" names and stories. Possibly credits the CIA with a louder voice than it actually has in the high councils of Government and certainly overestimates the influence of the agency has.

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